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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL. FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPLY SOLEY TO
ITEM 9(D). SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON ITEM 6.

2. AGREE FULLY PARAS A; C(1), (2), (3(A)(B)(C)); D; AND E(1).

3 WITH REGARD TO B, SUGGEST POSITION BE MODIFIED TO EXPRESS
STRONGER CONCERN ABOUT OVERALL LOOSE HANDLING OF CONSULTANT
FUNDS WHICH EXCEED \$3 MILLION IN 1974-75 BUDGET. FINANCE AND
PROGRAM COMMITTEES SHOULD BE REQUESTED NOT ONLY EXAMINE CRI-
TERIA AND PROCEDURES BUT ALSO GIVE CLOSE STUDY TO ACTUAL USE
THESE FUNDS IN CURRENT BIENNIUM. IN C(3B), SUGGEST WE PRO-
POSE DEFERRING PUBLICATION THIS INDEX UNTIL 1976-77 BIENNIUM.
NEITHER PROGRAM NOR FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS RAISED MOST
IMPORTANT POINT, I.E., THIS IS NOT PRIORITY ITEM.

4. BELIEVE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 FULLY VALID. WE MIGHT
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EXPECT ALL EXPENDITURES THIS BIENNIUM THROUGH USE CURRENCY

FLUCTUATIONS SAVINGS TO SOME PART OF BUDGETARY BASE FOR
1976-77. MANY OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS (OUR ACTUAL
EXPENDITURES) REFLECT LITTLE SENSE OF PRIORITY, AS
FIANCE COMMITTEE NOTED, (PARA 120, CL 64/5), WITH LITTLE
ATTEMPT TO MEET FROM NORMAL SAVINGS. THIS BECOMES CRITICALLY
IMPORTANT IN LIGHT CERTAIN UNBUDGETED EXPENSES (SUCH AS PRO-
FESSIONAL SALARY AND WAGE INDEX INCREASES) LIKELY TO OCCUR
IN 1975.VOLPE

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